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AIRLIFT

SUMMARY: GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN DIETRICH STOBBE HAS RELEASED
A STATEMENT QUOTED BELOW, COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE START OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT ON JUNE 26, 1948. THE STATE-
MENT WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE FRG EMBASSIES IN FRANCE, THE UK,
AND UNITED STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. BEGIN STATMENT:
FOR THE 30TH TIME THE ANNIVERSARY DATE HAS COME AROUND ON WHICH THE
AIRLIFT BEGAN FOR BERLIN. IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO THAT A GREAT ACTION
WAS PUT IN MOTION IN ORDER TO KEEP A CITY AND WITH IT MORE
THAN TWO MILLION RESIDENTS SAFE FROM HUNGER, DARKNESS, COLD AND
CAPITULATION. THE CLOSED-IN BERLINERS WILL TO RESIST, AND THEIR
DESIRE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND DEMOCRACY IN A STATE GOVERNED
BY LAW ENCOURAGED THE WESTERN OCCUPATION POWERS TO BRING TO
LIFE A GIGANTIC RESCUE PROGRAM FOR CITIZENS OF A ONCE-ENEMY
COUNTRY. THIRTY YEARS AGO, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, AND THE UNITED
STATES WERE TRANSFORMED FROM "OCCUPATION POWERS" INTO "PROTECTING
POWERS", WHICH THEY REMAIN TO THIS DAY. UNDER THEIR PROTECTIVE
ROOF AND DUE TO THE CLOSE TIES WHICH HAVE GROWN UP
BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
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THE CITY, ONCE SUFFERING UNDER A BRUTAL, INHUMAN BLOCKADE,
HAS BECOME A VITAL METROPOLIS. THAT BERLIN CAN TODAY LOOK
FORWARD TO A SECURE FUTURE HAS ITS ORIGIN IN THE EFFORTS
WHICH HAD THEIR EXTRAORDINARY BEGINNING ON 26 JUNE 1948 RESTING
ON THE IDEA OF FREEDOM. WE THINK IN THESE DAYS, AS EVERY YEAR,
OF THE SACRIFICES WHICH WERE MADE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE PERSONAL
AND SOCIAL FREEDOM OF MANY MEN. END STATEMENT

2. ADDITIONAL SENAT PRESS RELEASE MATERIAL NOTES THAT, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLIES, THE BERLIN SENAT WILL CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF THE BLOCKADE ON MAY 12, 1979. (THE AIRLIFT, HOWEVER, CONTINUED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1949).

3. COMMENT: THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRLIFT HAS BEEN MARKED IN RECENT WEEKS BY EXTENSIVE NEWSPAPER REPORTING, MOSTLY OF A HISOTRICAL CHARACTER. NBS RADIO BROADCAST A MISLEADING ANNIVERSARY ACCOUNT IN WHICH BERLIN WAS DESCRIBED AS STILL BEING A "BELEAGUERED CITY" WITH HUGE STOCKPILES OF COAL AND OTHER GOODS TO BE SEEN EVERYWHERE. NBS'S PORTRAIT OF A TENSE CITY IN FEAR OF ANOTHER BLOCKADE IS OF COURSE A SERIOUS MISREADING OF THE BERLIN MOOD, BUT WAS ONLY ONE WE ARE AWARE OF WHOSE ASSESSMENT OF EVENT WENT FAR FROM THE MARK. DAVIS

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